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**Let's Get Acquainted**

"I would like to thank you readers of the Wasatch Wave for the kind words of encouragement and for the interest you have shown in the articles that have been appearing about the Choralettes. If they have created for you a new interest in our group then what more could I ask. Without our own Wasatch Wave's full cooperation this would still be just a pretty good idea. So a million thanks to you, Wasatch Wave."

—Leota D. Clark

Darlene Boggess was the oldest of the 5 children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Erickson and called Salt Lake City home. Her family later moved to Union, a community south of S.L.C. I'm sure she had a perfectly normal childhood and the right number of teenage good times, but her life really gets interesting after her High School graduation.



Darlene Boggess

**DARLENE WAS 17 YEARS** old when her mother died. She had three younger sisters and one brother who was barely two years old. Now the decision was hers, should she go on to college as she and her parents had planned, or should she stay home and become the mother substitute that her younger sisters and little brother so badly needed. Needless to say Darlene rolled up her sleeves and went to work for the next four years cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing for her family. It was during this time that she met Jack in 1944. Jack was on leave from

the Navy and they were married in 1948.

**ALL WOMEN LIKE TO REMEMBER** their courting days and the bad time they sometimes receive from loving parents if they stayed out too late, but here again Darlene was different. It wasn't "dear old dad" that waited up for her, she waited up for her Dad, who was busy courting a widow. Dad won out and was married four months before Darlene and Jack.

Jack had one year to go in Medical School at the University of Utah and Darlene became a receptionist at the State Capitol, in the Dept. of Agriculture. After Jack's graduation, he interned at the San Diego County Hospital. Jack's salary as an intern amounted to \$65.00 a month. They rented an apt. for \$45.00 a month plus utilities and Darlene had to find a job. The very next day after their arrival, they were crossing the street to mail letters back home when a car (driven by a man), ran over Darlene's right foot. She ended up in the County Hospital, (the one that Jack was an intern in) with a compound fracture of the big

toe and a cast up to her knee. All was not lost, however, because for the next two weeks she saw more of Jack than she ever would again for the next two years. Five months later she was able to finally get a job, in fact, she got her first badly-needed paycheck just in time for Christmas.

**AFTER JACK HAD** finished his year as an intern, they returned to Salt Lake City and he had a year at the St. Marks Hospital as a Resident Doctor in Surgery. (If I have used these medical terms wrong, forgive me I have not been able to watch "Dr. Killdare" for months). Darlene went to work again for the ZCMI Wholesale as a receptionist.

In 1951 they moved to Heber and here Jack practiced for four years, and during this time they became the parents of two sons: Brent, 13, and Eric, 11. Jack's brother Eldon is also a doctor so they decided to build a clinic in Murray and the family moved and lived in Murray for six years. Their daughter, Jill, 7, was born in Murray.

**ALL THIS TIME THEY** kept hearing the call of Beautiful Heber Valley urging them to return and so in 1961 they moved back and Dr. Boggess went into partnership

in the Heber Hospital and Clinic.

Darlene has served as the membership chairman on the PTA Council for two years. She belongs to the Friday afternoon bowling league and teaches the Firelight Class in Primary. Darlene has been singing with the Choralettes for 5 years. She is now serving as President of this organization.

I'm sure you will agree with me that Darlene's life has been one of unselfish devotion, as a daughter, wife and mother.

**DR. JACK D. BOGGESS**

Jack D. Boggess was born in Murray, Utah, August 19, 1921, a son of E. E. and Marion L. Boggess. He lived for six years in Murray and then moved to Union, Salt Lake County. Attended schools in the Jordan District, and graduated from the University of Utah Medical School in 1949. Interned in San Diego, California, and then took a surgical residence at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake. From there he moved to Heber and practiced with Dr. Karl O. Nielson and Dr. Willard Draper for four years. He returned to Murray where he practiced for six years. He came back to Heber in September, 1961 to resume his practice. Mrs. Boggess is the former Darlene Erickson and they have three children.

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**80TH BIRTHDAY**

The family of Catherine Gilbert Boggess cordially invites her relatives and friends to help her celebrate her 80th birthday. An open house will be held at the home of a son, Stewart Gilbert who resides at 4254 Lynn Lane from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 1969. No gifts please.

